NOTICE OF IOWA DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD FOR STATE PLAN AMENDMENT

The state of Iowa's Medicaid program currently operates a 1915 (c) Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) Intellectual Disabilities (ID) waiver program. Pursuant to the authority of Iowa Code Section 249A.4, the department proposes to amend the HCBS ID Waiver to change the provider reimbursement methodology for supported community living (SCL), residential based supported community living (RBSCL), adult day care and day habilitation services to a tiered rate reimbursement. Tiered rates are assigned to an ID Waiver recipient based on the results of the Supports Intensity Scale ® (SIS) core standardized assessment.

Effective December 1, 2017, the department intends to implement the tiered rate reimbursement for fee for services members accessing certain ID Waiver services. The amendment will change the way HCBS service providers receive reimbursement for the daily SCL, RBSCL, full day adult day care and full day Day Habilitation services within the Intellectual Disability (ID) Waiver. This notice provides details about the waiver amendment and serves to open the 30-day public comment period which closes on November 10, 2017.

The waiver amendment is available for public review online at: https://dhs.iowa.gov/ime/members/medicaid-a-to-z/hcbs/waivers-and-amendments; or at the Department of Human Services County Offices. Comments concerning this notice or the proposed amendment may be addressed to: Brian Wines, Department of Human Services, Iowa Medicaid Enterprise, 100 Army Post Road, Des Moines, Iowa 50315 or bwines@dhs.state.ia.us. The amendment will be posted online for 30 days.

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